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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated May 24, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees, the response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this document.